



# **LOESCHE WASTE CONDITIONING** BRIEF:

## **Old Dumpsites**

- Remediation
  - **Stabilisation**
  - **Integrated Approach**



# STABILISING EXISTING LANDFILLS

Depending on their age, history and location, existing landfills can sometimes be unstable, resulting in the possibility of serious problems occurring.

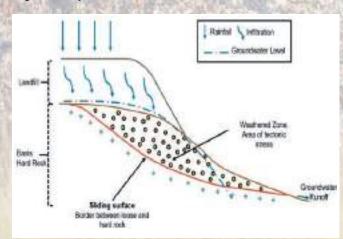
When conditions become critical, slopes can fail, leading to landslides that can flood nearby areas with waste material. Aside from the possibility of human casualties, it is expensive to repair damaged buildings and infrastructure, not to mention the clean-up costs involved.

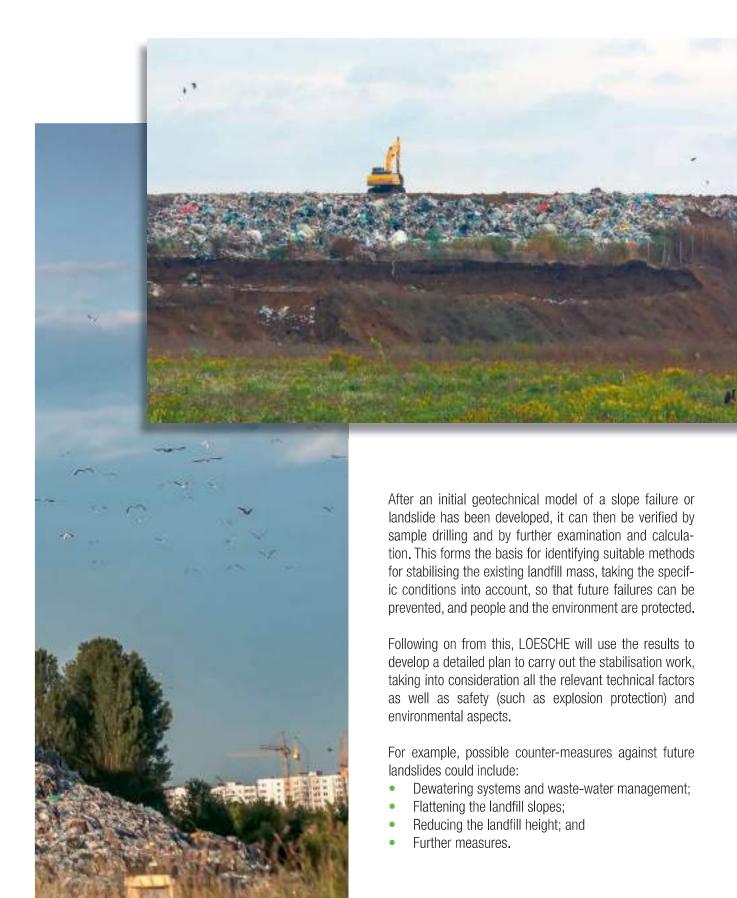
Because of this, old landfills need to be stabilised as a first step before remediation can take place. They can then form a new resource for recovering their valuable content, which can include metals, plastics, paper, and other recyclable materials.

Before carrying out any stabilisation, the reasons for the instability of the landfill must be identified, and then removed.

"LOESCHE has the expertise to carry out surveys to identify the factors that could lead to failures occurring, and those involved in existing instability." These factors could include:

- Geology
- Topography
- Ground conditions
- Tectonic stresses
- Hydrology
- Hydrogeology
- and other factors.





## **REMEDIATION OF EXISTING LANDFILLS**

Provided that a landfill is stable, it can be used as a resource to recover valuable contents that would otherwise be lost, as well as causing environmental contamination.

Sometimes, landfills that were originally located outside the borders of a town or city have since been incorporated in it through suburban growth. LOESCHE has the expertise to remediate existing landfills.

The aim is to achieve a sustainable and environmentally friendly solution to this, while maximising the benefits and minimising the amount of material that has to be returned for final landfilling.







## Advantages:

- Recovering valuable materials (plastic, paper, metals, glass, and so on) that would otherwise be lost;
- Composting or stabilising the organic fraction to avoid the potential for methane or CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, and leachate run-off;
- Reducing the volume for re-landfilling by recovering the valuable contents and treating the organic fraction;
- Disposing of residual material in a new sanitary landfill that is designed using state-of-the-art technology with proper sealing, drainage systems, and so on. Harmful environmental impacts are eliminated; and
- Complete rehabilitation of the area for further use (parks, etc).

## **MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE**

The conditioning and handling of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) requires a lot of expert knowledge, since the waste properties and composition will vary widely depending — amongst other reasons — on the geographical location and the season.

Because of this, a tailor-made solution has to be found to optimise the waste-treatment process and the utilisation of the conditioned waste in energy intensive industries (e.g. cement, power plants), taking the specific conditions of each project into account.

With its extensive expertise, LOESCHE can help you to convert waste into profit by benefitting from the valuable material in the waste:

- The high-caloric fraction of the waste (mainly plastic) can be separated and used to produce high-quality fuel for various industries, reducing their energy costs;
- Ferrous and non-ferrous metals can be separated and sold for scrap recycling;
- Depending on the quality of the waste, the organic fraction can be processed to produce compost;
- Bio-gas can be produced from the organic fraction (optionally).
- Electrical energy generated from high quality fuels by a waste-to-energy plant (optionally).





As well as providing a high level of flexibility, performance and availability – as is standard for LOESCHE's products and systems – the mechanical and biological waste-conditioning plant offers these advantages:

- Treating UNSORTED household waste Municipal Solid Waste (MSW). Since no presorting is needed, this is ideal for cities that have not yet implemented waste separation in their collection system. It is also suitable for the remediation of old landfills containing mixed waste.
- Providing high selectivity of the fuel-rich fraction from the wet organic content, plus one stage size reduction of the input waste using LOESCHE's Cascade Mill.
- Separating out "Valuables" metals, the high-caloric fraction and other components for recycling.
- Producing high-quality fuels (RDF, SRF or pellets) from the high-caloric fraction (HCF), for use in cement and/or power plants.
- Converting the organic fraction into compost, which can be used as fertiliser or greenery (depending on the quality of the input waste).



**COMPLETE TREATMENT PLANTS** 

The LOESCHE Waste-Conditioning Plant is designed as a set of modular construction kits to provide the greatest flexibility and adaptability to your needs.

- Handling high-moisture MSW with up to 55% water content, where other equipment fails.
- Initial decomposition of the organic fraction reduces the composting time from three months to three weeks, as well as reduces odour emissions.
- Moisture levels are reduced by around 15-20 % during grinding in the Cascade Mill and Rocket Mill<sup>®</sup>.
- Sewage sludge / leachates can be added to the Cascade Mill feed at rates of around 8 t/h of sludge to 12 t/h of MSW, depending on the materials' moisture contents.

Different technological set-ups available in modular form according to specific needs

- Biogas can be produced, using the fermentation plant kit.
- Energy can be produced, using the waste-to-energy plant kit.
- Fuels produced in the plant can be compacted for cost-effective transport, using pelletiser or baler kits.

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